INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff creates and obtains rights to unique two-dimensional graphic artworks for use on textiles, which textiles are transacted primarily in the fashion industry. Plaintiff owns these designs in exclusivity and makes sales of products bearing these designs for profit. Plaintiff's business is predicated on its ownership of these designs and it spends a considerable amount of time and resources creating and obtaining top-quality, marketable and aesthetically-appealing designs. Customers of Plaintiff, including Defendants herein, take design samples with the understanding and agreement that they will only utilize Plaintiff to reproduce said designs should they wish to do so, and will not seek to make minor changes to Plaintiff's proprietary work to reproduce the same elsewhere, yet use those designs in furtherance of their business, including advertising, in violation of both their contractual agreement with Plaintiff and Plaintiff's copyrights.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101 et seq.
- 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331(m), 1338 (a) and (b).
- 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff L.A. Printex Industries, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business located at 3270 East 26th Street, Vernon, California 90023.

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COMPLAINT

- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant AEROPOSTALE, Inc. ("AEROPOSTALE") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 112 West 34th Street, New York City, NY 10120 and is doing business in and with the State of California.
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant CHARLOTTE RUSSE, Inc. ("CHARLOTTE RUSSE") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at 4645 Moreno Blvd., San Diego, CA 92117, and is doing business in and with the State of California.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant KOHLS DEPARTMENT STORE, Inc. ("KOHLS") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, with its principal place of business at N56 W 17000 Ridgewood Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 and doing business in and with the State of California.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant MS. BUBBLES, INC. ("MS. BUBBLES") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at 2731 Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90058, and is doing business in and with the State of California.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant RAD CLOTHING, INC. ("RAD CLOTHING") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at 2857-A E. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90023, and is doing business in and with the State of California.

10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that some of

garments to Defendant, which DOE Defendants have manufactured and/or supplied and are manufacturing and/or supplying garments comprised of fabric printed with Plaintiff's copyrighted Design No. G70132 without Plaintiff's knowledge or consent or have contributed to said infringement. The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise of Defendants DOES 1-3, inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names and will seek leave to amend this complaint to show their true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

11.Defendants DOES 4 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet identified who have infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the wrongful practices alleged herein. The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, of Defendants 4 through 10, inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names, and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

12.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director, manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each and every violation of Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. G70132

13.Prior to the conduct complained of herein, Plaintiff composed an original two-dimensional artwork for purposes of textile printing. It allocated this design Plaintiff's Internal Design Number G70132 ("Subject Design") (a copy of the Subject Design is attached hereto as Exhibit 1).

14.Plaintiff applied for and received copyright registration for the Subject Design on December 19, 2005, with the Subject Design being granted the assignment of Registration No. VA 1-344-918 (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2).

15.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without Plaintiff's authorization, CHARLOTTE RUSSE, MS. BUBBLES, RAD CLOTHING, and DOES 1-3 created, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and/or distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical to, or substantially similar to, the Subject Design. (hereinafter "Infringing Garments").

16.Plaintiff is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that AEROPOSTALE, CHARLOTTE RUSSE, KOHL'S, MS. BUBBLES, RAD and DOES 4-10, and each of them, sold garments comprised of fabric bearing the Subject Design, which garments were manufactured under the direction of the Defendants, and each of them. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the named Defendants owns and/or otherwise controls these labels and also manufactures garments under those labels.

17. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, in spite of their receipt of the aforementioned cease and desist demand letters from Plaintiff,
Defendants continued to sell Infringing Garments in its retail stores in violation of Plaintiff's rights as the copyright proprietor and owner of the Subject Design.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(For Copyright Infringement - Against All Defendants, and Each)

18.Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates herein by reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 17, inclusive, of this Complaint.

19.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to the Subject Design, including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of the Subject Design by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; and (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs and samples.

20.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s) has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed the Subject Design in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized print designs that were identical or substantially similar to the Subject Design.

21.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by creating, making and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from the Subject Design and by producing, distributing and/or selling Infringing Garments through a nationwide network of retail stores and through on-line websites.

- 22. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.
- 23. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount to be established at trial.

COMPLAINT

24. Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendant's profits directly and indirectly attributable to Defendant's infringement of the Subject Design in an amount to be established at trial.

25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, have continued to import, manufacture, cause to be manufactured and/or sell Infringing Garments after Plaintiff demanded that they cease and desist from engaging in same. Therefore, Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged above were, and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious, subjecting Defendants, and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per infringement. Further, Defendants', and each of their, willful and intentional misappropriation and/or infringement of Plaintiff's copyrighted Subject Design renders Defendants, and each of them, liable for statutory damages as described herein. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election between actual damages and statutory damages.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(For Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement - Against All Defendants, and Each)

26.Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 25, inclusive, of this Complaint.

27.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and profited from the illegal

reproduction and/or subsequent sales of garments featuring the Subject Design as alleged hereinabove.

28.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, are vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they had the right and ability to supervise the infringing conduct and because they had a direct financial interest in the infringing conduct.

29.By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of contributory infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial, as well as additional general and special damages in an amount to be established at trial.

30.Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design, in an amount to be established at trial.

31.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, have continued to manufacture and/or sell Infringing Garments after Plaintiff demanded that they cease and desist from engaging in same. Therefore, Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged above were, and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious, subjecting Defendants, and each of them, to liability therefore, including statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the Copyright Act in the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per infringement. Further, Defendants', and each of their, willful and intentional misappropriation and/or infringement of Plaintiff's copyrighted Subject Design renders Defendants, and each of them, liable for statutory damages as described

herein. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election between actual damages and statutory damages.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

Against All Defendants

- 1. With Respect to Each Claim for Relief
 - a. That Defendants, their agents and servants be enjoined from selling product, or otherwise, infringing Plaintiff's copyright in the Subject Design;
 - b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
 - c. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
 - d. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
 - e. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
 - f. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

Plaintiff demands a jury trial pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38 and the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Dated: October 22, 2008

DONIGER LAW FIRM APC

Stephen M. Doniger, Esq.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

L.A. PRINTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Dean D. Pregerson and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Charles Eick.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Stephen M. Doniger, Esq. (SBN 17954) Scott A. Burroughs, Esq. (SBN 235718) DONIGER LAW FIRM APC 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 355 Culver City, California 90230 Telephone: (310) 590-1820 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA L.A. PRINTEX INDUSTRIES, INC., a California CASE NUMBER DDP Corporation cv08-07085 PLAINTIFF(S) v. AEROPOSTALE, a Delaware Corporation; et al. [See Attached "Schedule A"] **SUMMONS** DEFENDANT(S). DEFENDANT(S): _____ TO: A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 20 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached 🗹 complaint 🗆 _____ amended complaint 🗅 counterclaim 🗆 cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Stephen M. Doniger, Esq. , whose address is DONIGER LAW FIRM APC, 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 355, Culver City, CA 90230 . If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court. Clerk, U.S. District Court OCT 27 2008 Dated: (Seal of the Court) [Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

SUMMONS

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"Schedule A"

L.A. PRINTEX INDUSTRIES, INC., a California Corporation

Plaintiff,

VS.

AEROPOSTALE, a Delaware Corporation; CHARLOTTE RUSSE, a California Corporation; KOHLS, a Wisconsin Corporation; MS. BUBBLES, a California Corporation; RAD CLOTHING, a California Corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

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